

OSU Dance in the Community



OSU Dancers of the Brazil Tour Group with students from the Escola de Calabar.



Participants explore movement possibilities as part of an OSU Dance class for older adults designed to link health and well-being with the creativity of dance.

Purpose

The Department of Dance recognizes a responsibility to build public understanding and appreciation of dance as a diverse creative, cultural, and educational expression. In pursuit of this goal, the department tours to area K-12 schools, performs in downtown theatres, takes projects to prisons, community centers, and galleries, and brings children to campus and to the theatres for their own immediate experiences with dance.

Impact

We provide transportation for 800 students from schools in the greater Columbus area to attend the Young People's Concert at the Capitol Theatre, an interactive program of contemporary dance.

This year a company of OSU dance majors spent 6 months preparing a concert of diverse U.S. dance forms, touring Brazil where they performed in schools, community centers and theatres. They also performed in Columbus elementary schools and invited high school students to join us for a day of dance in the department.

The outreach projects give close to 1,500 young people annually an opportunity to experience dance, validating the kinesthetic, musical,

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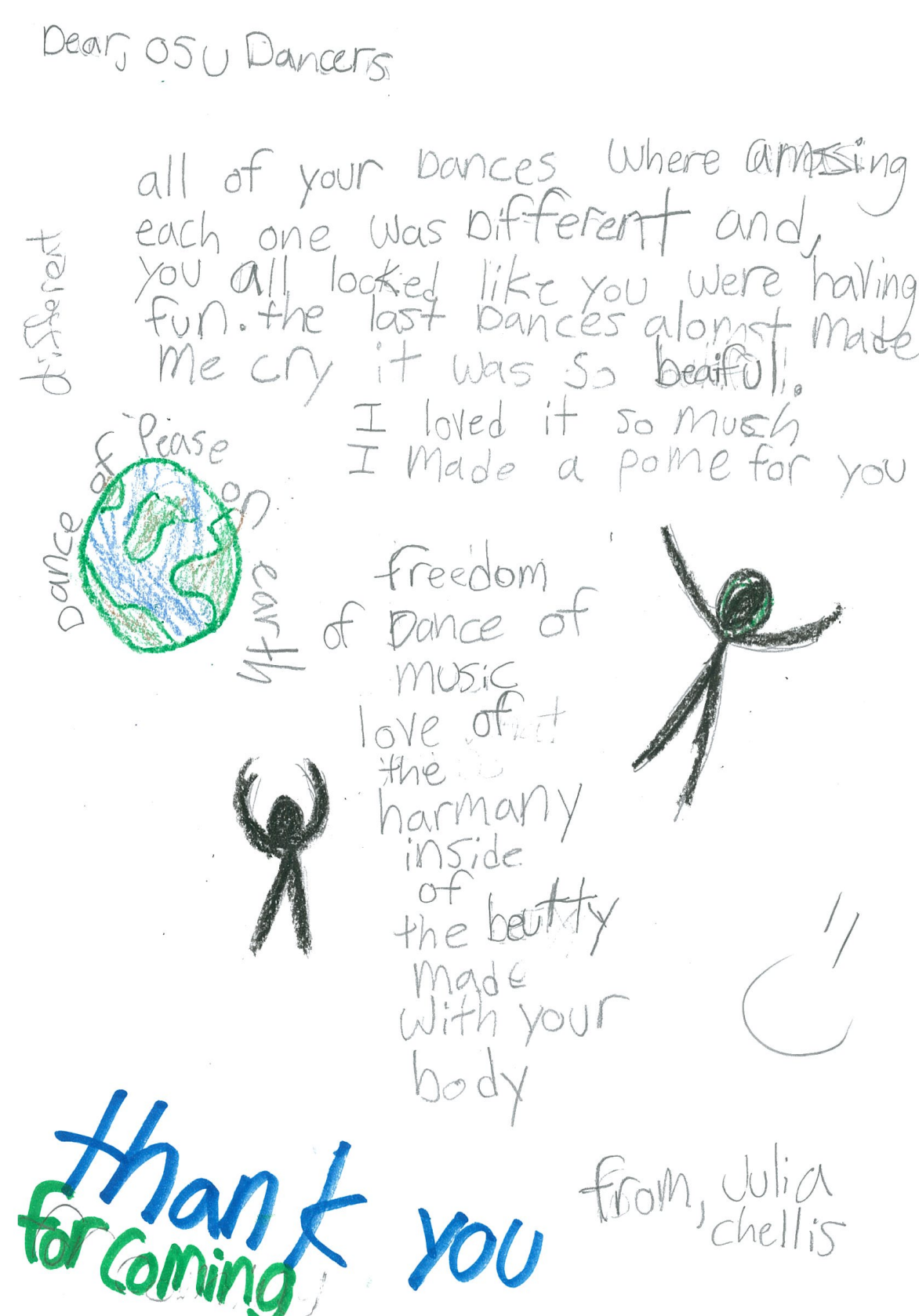
Community Partners Involved

Columbus City Schools
Hilliard City Schools
Upper Arlington City Schools
Charter Schools
Day Care Centers
Clintonville-Beechwood Community
Resource Center



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and creative expression of human existence, so often under-represented in education.



A sample of responses from the voices of a new generation of dancers, dance makers and dance enthusiasts

Immanuel Hagoes
Kindergartner
Starling STEM/STEAM PK-8 School

Julia Challis
Indianola Informal K-8 School